

106TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. RES. 316

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that a postage stamp should be issued honoring William Holmes McGuffey, author of the McGuffey Readers.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 29, 1999

Mr. TRAFICANT submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Government Reform

RESOLUTION

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Whereas William Holmes McGuffey, born in Youngstown, Ohio, was the author of the most influential schoolbooks in our Nation's history, the McGuffey Readers;

Whereas using McGuffey's First Eclectic Reader, a child learned the alphabet, simple rhymes and stories, spelling, practical knowledge, and moral lessons;

Whereas among the lessons the McGuffey Eclectic Readers taught were citizenship, character, conservation, and literacy;

Whereas the influence of the McGuffey Eclectic Readers in forming the minds of 19th century Americans is well-recognized;

Whereas since the McGuffey Reader was first published in 1836, more than 122 million copies are estimated to have been sold; and

Whereas the year 2000 will mark the 200th anniversary of the birth of William Holmes McGuffey: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That it is the sense of the House of Rep-
2 resentatives that—

3 (1) the United States Postal Service should
4 issue a postage stamp honoring William Holmes
5 McGuffey, author of the McGuffey Readers; and

6 (2) the Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee
7 should recommend to the Postmaster General that
8 such a stamp be issued.

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